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JOURNAL LIGHTS

By FRANK BURKE

Fooling the People Again With Publicity—

Now that the tax on small incomes is practically dropped we are wondering who will take the credit for pushing this legislation to one side.

Some bright politician wants to tax the pay envelopes of the small wage earner, under $2,000 a year. Immediately Mr. Hearst and his string of newspapers began to blast away at this idea. They said in part:

Wages shouldn't be disturbed, hours should be reduced and the workers given a chance and all that bunk. But the true fact still remains that Mr. Hearst pays a large number of his newspaper reporters below the $2,000 mark—so why should he worry about the small envelope? Sure enough the pay envelopes he passes out are small, but that's a way he has about him of fooling the people.

Two Cuts Were Not Enough, He Gave Three—

You can fool some of the people some of the time and a few of the people most of the time, but when you gave the reporters that third wage cut, Mr. Hearst, you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

Washing up your own dirty linen is as true a saying as I ever heard, but washing your dirty linen in another man's tub, especially when your linen is pretty dirty, then it's time to put a halt on the washwoman.

Shorter hours, higher wages and good working conditions mean nothing to Hearst, yet his publications would make you believe different, that is, if you read them.

Another Bright Idea—

Here is another bright idea of Mr. Hearst. He is bringing that famous engineer to the front again; lest you forget, his name is Hoover. (You haven't forgotten Mr. Hoover, have you? Mr. Hoover at one time was president, that is, under Hearst, and he is the same follow that engineered the country into a depression.)

Hearst believes that the republicans will fall again for his publicity bunk, but I hardly think it will mean anything much, for the republicans are as scarce as hens' teeth right now. One thing we can say for Hoover is—his nerve is still with him for a man that took the worst beating of any candidate that ever ran for president—and he's going to try it again.

Waiting Two Hours For Work and No Pay—

A racket that has been going on for the past year or more in Oakland should be given wide publicity—it's the old game of making the girls wait for two hours for work and then telling them their services are not required.

It seems that in Oakland certain large department stores notify sales girls to appear every morning of the week at 9 o'clock, for employment. They respond, wait until 11 o'clock and are then told, if they are not needed, to go home. These two hours are not paid for, yet if the girls do not appear their chance for employment is nil.

It's a great racket—but it's all at the expense of the workers.

How to Overcome the Racket—

The best way and the only way to overcome this dangerous racket in the department stores is to insist on the union card or union working button.

If the girls who make this racket possible by appearing at the store each morning, would only stop and think for a moment that the best way out of this difficult situation is to join a union, the racket would then immediately stop.

As long as we have employers who believe in long hours, low wages and all kinds of unAmerican working conditions the old racket will be with us forever.

President of Painters 127 Makes Statement on Parade

President Ray Beguhl of Painters' Union No. 127, has notified all members of the union that unless they parade labor day an assessment of $5 will be levied against them.

Beguhl said: "All members must be in line of march on labor day under the penalty of a $5 assessment for failing to parade. White overalls, white shirts, blue tie and white painters' caps must be worn. All painters are asked to appear in this uniform."

Mechanics and Clerks' Grand Ball Tonight

The first annual grand ball under the joint auspices of auto mechanics' union and retail clerks' union of the east bay district will be held tonight in Sweet's ballroom on Franklin street.

Hal Girvin and his 14-piece union orchestra will furnish the dance music. Admission price is 50 cents.

BILL TO LICENSE BUSINESS SEEKS HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING

Guarantees Labor's Right to Organize and Bargain Collectively and Prevents Employers from Interfering with That Right; Bans Child Labor.

Regulation of national commerce by licensing business, with emphasis placed on the fundamental rights of working men and women, was proposed in a bill offered in the senate by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

The measure embodies the program of the American Federation of Labor and would replace in statute law a number of the labor provisions that characterize the codes of fair practice which were abolished when the supreme court held the national industrial recovery act unconstitutional.

The objects which Senator O'Mahoney seeks would be achieved by requiring corporations and other concerns engaged in interstate business to secure from the federal trade commission licenses embodying the requirements set forth in the bill, which stipulate that those holding licenses shall comply with certain broad labor policies generally recognized as equitable.

O'Mahoney Explains Measure

In a speech before the senate explaining the main features of the bill, Senator O'Mahoney said:

"This measure undertakes to establish a constructive program for the rehabilitation of commerce among the states in such a manner as to maintain high standards of living for labor, to make possible the adoption of fair methods of competition in the basic trades and industry, and to protect the investor from the obvious abuses of corporate power from which the country has suffered for a generation.

Broad Labor Provisions

"The bill undertakes to provide three principal requirements in a general licensing system to be applied to those who engage in commerce among the states. These three requirements are the protection of female employes from discrimination, a provision against child labor, and a provision guaranteeing the right of collective bargaining.

"The measure would protect labor and foster commerce.

Would Raise Living Standard

"It is a comprehensive program to raise the standard of living among the people of the United States, and it is, in my opinion, perfectly constitutional.

"This is not a new NRA. True, it declares the fundamental rights of collective bargaining, of freedom from child labor, and for women workers freedom from discrimination as to rates of pay.

"Those are principles which have been and are endorsed by all political parties. The bill would merely write them permanently into the charter of industry.

"As to all other matters the bill imposes no new conditions upon industry, but establishes the tribunal in which industrial democracy may be brought into being."

Protection for Workers

The licenses which the bill authorizes the federal commission to issue would:

Guarantee the right of workers to organize in trade unions free from interference from employers, and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

Prohibit employers from promoting company unions, from refusing to bargain collectively, from discriminating against trade unionists, from discriminating against women workers, and from discriminating against employes for filing charges under the national labor relations act.

Ban the employment of children under 16 years of age, and children under 18 years at night work or in hazardous callings.

There is also a provision authorizing the federal trade commission to recommend minimum wage scales in cases where it finds existing scales are contrary to the public interest and have not been corrected by collective bargaining.

Police and Soldiers in Strikes

In case of strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes, if the commission finds the business involved at fault and has caused, either directly or indirectly, "police, constabulary, militia, or other armed forces" to be called out "to protect or escort strikebreakers," the bill provides that "it shall be the duty of the commission immediately to revoke the license of such business."

Wages and Hours Based on Industrial Efficiency

Senator O'Mahoney also stressed the fact that the measure would mean a real distribution of the wealth of the country by "providing for a more equitable distribution of national income."

This broader distribution of wealth would be achieved in part by the provision in the measure which bases wages on the increased efficiency of labor under machine production.

The bill prescribes that "employers in arriving at rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment shall exhaust all possibilities of collective bargaining with representatives of recognized organizations of employes" and adds the revolutionary stipulation that employers holding federal licenses "shall be guided, but without limitation, by the following fundamental principle and objective of the act: Rates of pay of employes shall be increased, and hours of work shall be reduced in accordance with gains in the productive efficiency of industry arising from increased mechanization, improvements in technical methods, or other causes, to the end that employers shall have an equitable participation in the output of industry, and that employment with mass purchasing power may keep pace with the productive accomplishment of industry.

Protection of Stockholders

In explaining the plan set up in the bill for the protection of stockholders and workers against abuse of power by corporation officials, Senator O'Mahoney said:

"Protection against the manipulation of corporate funds for the benefit of management and to the detriment of the stockholder and the employe is provided by a provision that the surplus of corporations having more than a given number of employes shall not be permitted to accede a certain proportion of the capital stock, and, when dividends have not exceeded 10 per cent of the par value of the outstanding stock, that the excess surplus should be distributed in dividends to the stockholders.

Profit-Sharing

"When, on the other hand, dividends have exceeded 10 per cent of their par value of the outstanding stock, provision is made for the adoption by the authority of the stockholders of a suitable profit-sharing plan for the employes.

"I call attention to the fact that this profit-sharing plan is to be adopted by authority of the stockholders and not by imposition of the federal trade commission. Care is taken, however, to permit any corporation affected to apply to a competent court to show that the surplus is needed for proper corporate purposes and may be so expended without endangering the minimum-wage standards and the standards of maximum hours of employment established by virtue of the act."

The measure also includes a provision which would make corporation directors trustees for stockholders and provides punitive damages for unconscionable profits which directors may secure by means of their power to control the capital of stockholders.

PLUMBERS' UNION No. 444 CHANGES MEETING NIGHTS

The next regular meeting of Plumbers' Union No. 444 will be held in the Labor Temple, Wednesday evening, August 28, 1935.

Beginning in September the union will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays, first meeting September 11; executive board to meet on the first and third Wednesdays.

Members are asked to take notice of the change in meeting nights.

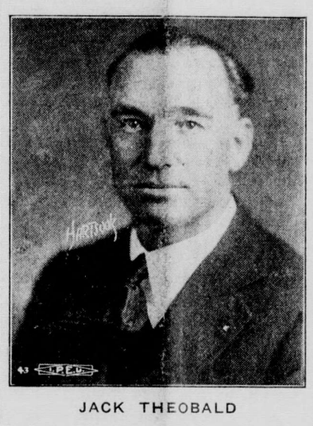
Laborers' Meeting Tonight

Tonight in the Labor Temple, Laborers' Union No. 304 will meet and elect officers. Arrangements for the labor day parade and other important matters will be discussed.

It is important that all members be present.

Theobald To Attend Barbers' Convention

Barbers' Union, Local No. 134, recently elected Jack Theobald, C. W. Swanson and A. (Bob) Ruyle as delegates to the state federation of labor convention and to the convention of the state association of journeymen barbers.



JACK THEOBALD

Swanson is president of the barbers' union here and a member of the state legislative committee. Theobald has represented the union for a number of years and is first vice president of the state association of journeymen barbers.

Barbers' union of Alameda county has made rapid progress during the past year. More barber shops are being organized than ever before and hopes are held for a bigger and more militant organization during the coming year. The rapid advancement of the barbers' union is particularly due to the able and efficient manner of Secretary Carl Evju, who has brought the organization to the front since his election to the secretaryship.

With the co-operation of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, patronizing only shops that display the union card, the barbers' union will be one of the outstanding organizations in the east bay region within a few months.

Bartenders Expect Large Attendance At Annual Picnic

Elaborate plans have been made by the committee in charge of the first annual picnic and barbecue of the bartenders' union to be held in Stonybrook park, Niles canyon, Sunday, August 18, Paul D. Showalter, business manager of the union, reports.

On the program are races and sports of all kinds for both young and old and a free barbecue from 12 noon till 2 p. m. Free orange juice will be served by the East Bay Fruit Juice company and a floor show donated by a number of local cabarets.

Two round trip tickets to Honolulu, a three weeks' vacation with all expenses paid and many other valuable articles will be given away.

Transportation will be furnished by the Southern Pacific. Train leaves First and Broadway at 8:30 a. m. and another at 10 a. m. The round trip ticket is 75 cents for adults and half fare for children. The train stops at the park entrance. Phone your reservations to the headquarters of the bartenders' union at HOlliday 7031.

All members of organized labor and friends are invited, Showalter said. Tickets are 25 cents.

Steamfitters' Meeting Slated for Aug. 22

A special called meeting for all union steamfitters has been issued by C. D. Gibbon, representative of the union, for the evening of Thursday, August 22, in the regular meeting hall.

The meeting is called to discuss the labor day parade, according to Gibbon, and a vote will be taken as to whether or not the union will parade.

If labor unionists should consistently demand the union label, manufacturers would eventually have to demand that their workers unionize.

Meeting of Labor Day Committee

All delegates are requested to attend the labor day committee meeting Saturday evening, August 17, in the Labor Temple at 8 o'clock sharp.

This will be the last meeting of the committee and it is imperative that all delegates attend. Many important matters will be discussed at this meeting and final arrangement made for the September 2nd celebration.

Do not fail to attend—it is important!

A. F. of L. Brands As False Report Of Labor Scarcity in Metal Trades

Survey Shows Gross Inaccuracy of National Industrial Conference Board's Claim of Skilled Workers' Shortage; 9,000 Union Metal Workers Out of 42,000 Jobless.

The complete inaccuracy of the report by the national industrial conference board that a shortage of skilled labor in the metal trades exists was made by the American Federation of Labor in a statement summarizing the results of a survey of the unemployment situation in the metal trades which the federation initiated to shoot the sunlight of truth through the canard, which was carried in a recent pamphlet issued by the board entitled: "Wanted: Skilled Labor."

The pamphlet stated that 287 of the board's member plants in the metal industries reported a shortage of 1,193 skilled workers at present with a predicted shortage of 7,767 if the plants worked at normal capacity.

These figures were inconsistent with large numbers of unemployed workers in the metal workers unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, which reported that out of 42,000 of skilled workers in the metal industries 9,600 were jobless from April to June. The federation therefore made a nationwide survey to test the accuracy of the conference board's report.

Unemployment Among Machinists

"The claimed shortage is greatest among all-around machinists, tool and die makers, special machine operators and molders, according to the conference board," the A. F. of L. statement said. "The majority of these workers—738 at present, or 4,467 in all, if the plants are working at full capacity—are in trades under the jurisdiction of the International Association of Machinists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

"Its president, Arthur O. Wharton, states that in the month of May this year 25,000 unemployment stamps were issued to members of this union who have been out of work for one month or more. Of these, the large majority are machinists highly skilled in the trades in which the conference board claims a shortage.

"President Wharton also states that on numerous occasions employers have made requests to the NRA for a lengthening of hours, based on the claims that they could not secure skilled mechanics.

"These claims were immediately investigated by the International Association of Machinists and their members, skilled in the work specified, applied for jobs at the plants claiming a shortage of skilled labor.

"In almost every instance," states Mr. Wharton, "the members of our organization, when applying for positions with firms which claimed they were unable to secure skilled workers, were advised that no skilled men were needed."

Shipbuilders Bar Union Jobless

The federation also cited a case which the NRA investigated involving employers in the shipbuilding and shiprepairing industry who initiated a movement to secure exemption from the maximum work week of 36 hours contained in the code governnig that industry.

A committee of employers and labor representatives appeared before General Johnson to discuss the proposed exemption. According to the federation survey, the investigation disclosed the following facts:

"In the port of New York it was claimed they could not secure skilled craftsmen in the shipbuilding industry. The International Association of Machinists had canvassed the situation and had the names and addresses of more than 17,000 skilled union mechanics in the various crafts, all having extensive experience in the shipbuilding industry.

"When employers were asked what efforts they made to secure mechanics, they stated they had applied to the federal re-employment agency and the various agencies set up by the respective employer associations.

"They were asked if they had sought to secure skilled workers affiliated with the various labor organizations and the answer was 'No.'

"It was also developed that these same employers at this time were declining to meet duly authorized representatives of the metal trades council in the port of New York, for the purpose of handling grievances and negotiating a working agreement."

The federation's survey shows numerous instances of discrimination against union members and efforts to avoid paying union wages by hiring non-union workers and paying them for skilled labor at the rate usually paid to common labor. It cites other instances of claimed shortages of skilled labor where skilled union members were available to fill every position concerned.

Striking Bookbinders and Pressmen Win Union Wage Increase from Ginn & Co.

The 16 weeks' strike of 270 bookbinders and pressmen employed by Ginn & Company, nationally known textbook publishers of Boston, was settled by an agreement providing for the recognition of the unions concerned, the five-day, 40-hour week in place of the former 48-hour week and an increase in wages estimated to run from 5 to 10 per cent.

The agreement was negotiated for Boston Printing Pressmen's Union No. 67, Printing Pressmen's Assistants' Union No. 18 and Cambridge Bookbinders' Union No. 204.

Under the terms of the pact there will be no discrimination against union members returning to work, with the provision that all the striking employes will be re-employed before September 1 and that three-fourths of them shall be employed **by August 15.**

The company agrees to restore **1919 hourly rates of pay by March 1, 1936. Three-fifths of the difference** between current and 1929 rates shall be added to current wage rates on January 1, 1936, and the remaining two-fifths shall be restored on March 1. It is estimated that the restoration of the 1929 hourly rates will give the bookbinders an increase of from 5 to 10 per cent. There is also a provision prescribing time and one-half for overtime work.

The agreement which runs for one year stipulates that differences of opinion arising under the contract not adjusted by concilation shall be referred to a board of arbitration, one member representing the union concerned, one member representing Ginn & Company and these two to select a third member. The arbitration board's decisions are binding on both parties.

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Show Boat Cruise On the Bay Saturday

Tomorrow night will be the night of nights for the theatrical profession of the east bay district when their show boat leaves the foot of Broadway at 12:30 o'clock and returns to Oakland in the wee hours of the next morning.

Those planning on this cruise can board the boat at 10 p. m. at the foot of Broadway, but the boat will not leave the pier until 12:30 midnight.

From the advance sale of tickets approximately 1,000 persons will be on board when the boat sails. Tickets are $5 per couple; everything on board free.

Engineers' Union Special Meeting Next Monday Eve.

F. A. Lawrence, business representative of Engineers' Union, Local No. 59 and 59A, has notified all members that a special called meeting of the union will be held in San Francisco next Monday evening, August 19.

According to Lawrence, a business representative and treasurer for the San Francisco district will be elected at this meeting. Both positione were formerly held by F. E. Johansen.

Bakery Drivers Elect Convention Delegates

Paul Fuhrer, newly elected business representative of Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union, Local No. 432, was again chosen to represent the union at the coming convention of the brotherhood of teamsters to be held in Portland, Oregon, during the month of September.

J. Wright, F. Nelk, Dan O'Connell and F. Rodgers were elected to the California State Federation of Labor convention at San Diego.

Furniture Workers Organize

Don Cameron, organizer of the carpenters' union, installed the newly organized Furniture Workers' Union No. 1799, at a special meeting of the union last Tuesday evening in Carpenters' hall.

The new union is chartered under the jurisdiction of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America affiliated with the A. F. of L. The union will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Carpenters' hall.

German Goods Boycott Urged By Mass. Labor

The annual convention of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, in session in Springfield, adopted a resolution calling for a boycott of German-made goods in protest against the policy of Hitler's nazi government in persecuting labor and racial groups in Germany.

Street Carmen Win

Wage increases, ranging from 5 cents to 16 cents an hour, were won this week by unionized street car and bus employes in the national capital. The raises, retroactive to April 1, were awarded by a three-man arbitration board.

Attention, Bakers' Union!

Tomorrow evening (Saturday) in Castle hall, 387 12th srteet, at 6 o'clock sharp, Bakers' Union No. 119, will meet in special session.

The purpose of this meeting is to give final instructions to the arbitration committee. Please attend as this is an important meeting. Members will be assessed for not attending.

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VIGILANTES AND WHIRLWINDS

Recently unnamed individuals but generally designated as vigilantes broke up a meeting of so-called radicals at Santa Rosa and later undertook to give selected ones 24 hours notice to leave town. Similar events have taken place at San Jose and other places.

These manifestations of lawless activity on the part of a few intolerant fanatics, who evidently deem themselves qualified to pass on what people shall be permitted to think and what they shall not be permitted to think, are evidences that we have in our midst certain people who stand ready to trample on our well-established guarantees of free speech, free press and freedom of assembly, at the slightest pretext.

These flare-ups may look like jokes to some people, so long as they are perpetrated against small and poorly organized groups, whose views are decidedly unpopular with those who are in control of affairs today, but if these vigilante winds, which plant seeds of distrust, hate and resentment, result in the harvesting of a whirlwind, as the direct and natural fruit of such trampling on the rights and liberties of defenseless men and women, then these vigilantes of today and those who are openly condoning their lawless acts may some day, in the not distant future, find themselves paying dearly for what they are doing and condoning now.

Threats of lynching and bodily violence and actual raids partaking of such lawless acts may result in cowing weaklings, who like barking dogs, know little or nothing else than to make a lot of noise by spouting loud and long, but never doing anything beyond talking. But when it comes to fighting, the loudest talkers are usually the ones who are the first to scamper to cover.

The so-called radical noisemakers and spouters who may be hushed temporarily by the lawless violence and threats of the vigilantes of today are not the type, as a rule, that strikes back very effectively and those directly affronted may never themselves call to task those who are intimidating them today. But just as there are dogs, who seldom bark but who bite with the most unexpected suddenness, so there are fearless and unconquerable men who speak little and rant less, who have a way of rounding up whole armies of followers on the spur of the moment and who strike with the fury and the force of a whirlwind that rapidly develops into a cyclone.

Such happenings are not imaginary vaporings. They are identically what have happened in by-gone days, when those who were drunk with power and spoiled with total immunity for their repeated breaches of existing law, were called to task by those who had reason to think they might come next among the growing list of victims.

History is filled with examples of what happens when such abuses, long continued, reach the breaking point. There is the French revolution, where the enraged populace stormed the Bastile, razing it to the ground and setting the prisoners free, while the home of the king and queen of France was invaded and its occupants promptly beheaded. The queen's head went as did that of her despotic husband and while the reign of terrorism lasted the guillotine was busy sending into eternity those who had upheld the practices and injustices for which the king was executed.

Then there was Russia. Overnight the rule of the Czar crumbled. The army deserted him and turned against him. Czar Nicholas, his queen and child were arrested, sent to Siberia, where all three were stood up and shot. In the mopping up process, which followed, thousands of the czar's followers, who failed to get out of the country fast enough, likewise faced the firing squad.

Do our fanatical vigilantes of today imagine they will be more secure when the pendulum starts swinging the other way than were Czar Nicholas and King Lous XIV?

What good comes from these fanatical depredations of the vigilantes against individuals, whose offense consists of having unpopular opinions, which they insist on having a right to express? None, whatever.

Legally the radicals have a right to talk and express their opinions, so long as they obey the laws under which we are governed, no matter how much we may disagree with their views. Neither vigilantes, nor anybody else, have any legal license nor moral right to interfere with that right. Anyone who does interfere with it, no matter under what pretext it may be done, is violating that part of the constitution of the United States which provides that no law shall be made **"abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."**

The above is not quoted from the ravings or rantings of some demagogue. It is the exact language of the constitution of the United States.

Those who are so willing to encourage the sowing of vigilante winds today may be reaping violent whirlwinds tomorrow, as a direct result of their present-day folly.

In 99 cases out of a hundred, where people vote wrong, it is because they have been given a "fill" or a "bum steer," or because they just take somebody else's word for it.

AUXILIARY NOTES

HOW THE WOMEN ARE HELPING THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

Notes of Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters No. 160

Telephone Whists

Telephone whists to be held at the different homes Thursday, August 29, 1:30 p. m. sharp. Erna Jenkins, 554 Alcatraz avenue, OLympic 1534, and her assistant will be Tessie O'Leary; Ada Parkinson, 3051 Shattuck avenue, BErkeley, 0416-W, and her assistant will be Marie Lyon; President Mae Bristow, 1927 Vicksburg, ANdover 3839, and her assistant will be Charlotte Diale. Score cards 25 cents with refreshments. Friends, pick out the home in your neighborhood and make reservations by phoning right now.

Trip No. 2

Members of Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160, we are planning to make our next "trip" to Angel Island, Tuesday, August 27. I hope you can come.

Meeting of Auxiliary No. 160

Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters met Monday evening, August 5. President Mae Bristow presided.

The garment workers' label was up for discussion. When buying labeled goods see that the number runs across the middle of the label.

Typographical Union No. 36 requests organized labor to refrain from patronizing the following: The Peerless stages, Piedmont Press, Foster's Lunch, Better Homes and Gardens Magazine, Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Country Gentleman.

Morrell Packing Co. plants unfair to organized labor. It was read from a news item.

Members were requested to ring up Hanrahan, Wadsworth, Pine and Borba and complain about their addition being built non-union.

Sister Erna Jenkins installed as financial secretary vice Sister Marie Lyon, resigned. Sister Marie Lyon installed as trustee vice Sister Jenkins, resigned. President Mae Bristow was installing officer.

Telephone whist parties were planned for Thursday, August 29.

A trip to Angel Island is in the making for Tuesday, August 27.

Sister Bart reported improving.

The few members of Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160 who are able to parade will join with Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97, I. A. of M. and other auxiliaries. We hope the parade committee will arrange for some of the ladies to have transportation.

We demand the union shop card, clerks' button and union label on all products when making purchases.

Brother M. D. Cicinato of Millmen No. 550, met with a very serious accident while at work. Tightening up a bearing on the side head, the wrench slipped, severing the ends on the index and middle fingers. The machine not running at the time. Brother Cicinato will be off for about a month.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters No. 160 sends words of cheer to Mrs. Cicinato.

Brother Adlemann of Millmen No. 550 has recovered and is back on the job.

Next meeting of Auxiliary No. 160 is August 19, 8:15 p. m.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Notes of L. A. to I. A. of M. No. 97

It was with pleasure that we welcomed Sisters Mae Taylor and Christina Swan, who have not met with us for some time due to illness. Both are looking fine and we shall expect to see them often.

Sister Foley was reported on the sick list, not serious, however.

Sister Kittie Heino and family are spending their vacation at Wright's Lake.

Many of the sisters reported having received cards from their mystery sister. Sister Swan especially thanks her sister for the lovely words of cheer and Sister Hines was very grateful for the lovely handkerchief and hose.

The new social committee headed by Sister Hoover and composed of the following sisters, Jenkon, Gober, Swan, Jenks, Foley and O'Leary, will hold their first meeting Friday at noon.

Jimmie, son of Sister Hutchison, is in the radio repair business and is an expert. His telephone number is ANover 0255. Just in case the old radio isn't working so well.

The Jiggs dinner given by the committee for the new labor party was well attended. Those who failed to go missed a good dinner for a small price.

We expect to participate in the Labor Day parade. All members please take note and if you wish to join call Sister Logue, HUmboldt 1917.

INEZ THORBURN, Press Cor.

2,000,000 BRITISH WORKERS JOBLESS

The minister of labor announced that the latest official figures show 1,972,941 registered unemployed. This number was said to be the lowest recorded since July, 1930, when 1,939,866 were on the unemployed registers. From January to July of this year there was a decrease of 352,000 unemployed despite an increase of nearly 6,000 unemployed boys and girls of the ages 14 and 15 at the end of the school year in Scotland and certain other areas.

Activities of Culinary Workers

Theodore Peters, the operator of Hamburger John's, has signed an agreement with the Culinary Union, Local No. 31, and has put on extra help so he can handle the increased trade that is coming to his establishment and not be forced to overwork either himself or his crew. There was a dispute about this house and Local No. 31, but this has been settled. This house puts up a nice merchants' lunch and anyone who is near Seventh and Franklin streets should give this place a try, as it is being operated 100 per cent union.

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The entire crew of Tom and Ted's, who were suspended by a former action of the culinary union executive board, have been officially expelled from that union, and the act of displaying a union button by these people is a fraud and the public is hereby notified of this fact.

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Members of organized labor who live or work in the district around 57th and East 14th street and were patrons of Hansen's Coffee Shop, can still be served by union workers if they patronize the La Belle Cafe at 57th and East 14th street. Also the Seminary Buffet at 60th and East 14th streets.

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Grace's Kitchen is still on the "We Don't Patronize" list, and all railway workmen and shopmen, as well as electricians are asked to take note.

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Remember, it is just as economical to buy union labeled goods as it is to buy unlabeled cheaper priced articles. The economy lies in the quality of material and workmanship.

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The Hof Brau has found another partner to help them keep the place open. However, members of organized labor should not be fooled by the change in partnership, as the new member of the firm is very much non-union and the eating place is still listed as "unfair."

CHEERFUL GIVERS

A preacher said to his congregation: "There is a certain man among us who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts $5 in the collection box his name will be read from the pulpit."

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He who does a good deed is instantly ennobled. He who does a mean deed is by the action itself contracted. He who puts off impurity thereby puts on purity—Emerson.

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Judge Bingham Upholds South Bend Strikers' Right to Picket Unfair Bakery

The trade unions of South Bend won a victory for union tactics when Superior Judge F. Fred Bingham dissolved an injunction restraining members of the bakery and confectionery workers' union from picketing the bakery operated by Wincentz Lindorf, whose employes struck recently when he refused to sign an agreement setting up wage and hour scales.

Lindorf charged that the pickets molested patrons of his bakery and in automobiles followed his delivery trucks through the streets.

Judge Bingram ruled that a law inacted by the Indiana legislature in 1933 authorized peaceful picketing of business establishments by strikers. He held the pickets had acted peacefully and had obeyed the temporary injunction which had been granted Lindorf on his petition.

The picketing law was explained by George Shock, former city attorney and counsel for the men named in Lindorf's suit.

George Sands, attorney for Lindorf, said there was no such law. Judge Bingham reminded Sands that he was a member of the 1933 legislature which passed the law. Sands retorted that "a legislator doesn't have to read everything he passes on."

Judge Bingham also denied Lindorf's petition for a permanent injunction and $1,000 damages against seven employes who joined in the strike at his plant.

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Foster's White Lunches
Colonial Cafeteria, 1506 Franklin St.
Stein Buffet, 1525 Broadway

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Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.
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Alameda County Central Labor Council

Oakland, California, August 12, 1935.

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County was called to order on the above date at 8:15 p. m., by President Wm. P. Fee.

Credentials—

No credentials.

Communications—

From the milk wagon drivers, requesting that the Frozen Products Co. be placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list. Referred to the executive committee.

From the laundry workers, requesting that the Union French Laundry and the Economy Laundry be placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list. Referred to executive committee.

From the auto workers' union, advising that they have concurred in the resolutions of the council in opposition to the Fair Play League. Filed.

From the janitors and window cleaners, enclosing complimentary tickets to their picnic at Valente's Park. Filed.

From the California State Federation of Labor, same being a circular letter. Filed.

From the joint policy committee of the public works and unemployed union, enclosing resolutions dated August 12, 1935, for which they request endorsement. After discussion the subject matter was referred to a committee of four from the Building Trades Council and a committee of four from the Central Labor Council.

Bills—

Bills were read and ordered paid.

Reports of Committees—

The election committee made a written report of the results of the election held August 5, 1935, which was by motion accepted and ordered placed on file.

Executive committee reported no business transacted.

Approval of Minutes—

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Reports of Unions—

Butchers' union called attention to the fact that the products of the John Morrell Packing company are unfair to organized labor and requested that they be not purchased.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, Local No. 125, submitted a list of eating places that do not have their menus printed under union conditions and asked the co-operation of the council in the matter.

Warehousemen's union gave the delegates a resume of the lockout at the Santa Cruz cannery.

Musicians' union report they will hold golden anniversary celebration of their organization on September 3, 1935. Advise regarding labor day parade committee, Saturday, August 17, 1935, in the Labor Temple, 562 Eleventh street, starting at 8 p. m., and asked that all members make it a point to attend.

Barbers thanked the delegates for their co-operation in placing union shop cards in certain barber shops. Asked for the continued demand for union card.

Moving picture operators report they will parade Labor Day.

Bartenders' union thanked longshoremen's union for their co-operation. Also report they are having wonderful success in their organizing campaign and asked the delegates to always insist that the union card be displayed in all beverage dispensing places.

Auto mechanics reported regarding a proposal submitted by automobile dealers which will be discussed at a special called meeting.

Carmen's union reported how they have co-operated with the warehousemen in their controversy with the Santa Cruz cannery.

Culinary workers report regarding the progress being made by the unions of Contra Costa county.

School teachers introduced a fellow member from Eureka, California, who gave an explanation to the delegates regarding the efforts of certain school authorities in Eureka to inconvenience him due to his union activities.

New Business—

Council then decided to take up the matter of the chain store tax legislation at their first meeting in September at the hour of 8:30 p. m.

Secretary was then instructed to secure sufficient printed ballots for the run-off election next Monday night.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer—

For the week ending August 12, 1935. Adopted.

Adjournment—

There being no further business appearing the council then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. A. SPOONER, Secretary.

NOTES OF CARPENTERS

A special meeting of carpenters 1158 will be held tomorrow evening in the regular meeting hall. A vote will be taken on the proposition recently submitted by the district council. All members are requested to be present.

Proposition

"On and after August 31, 1935, our wage scale and hours shall be $1.15 per hour, seven hours per day and 35 hours per week, on all work undertaken or contracted for after that date, effective throughout the jurisdiction of the Bay District Council of the Carpenters, comprised of the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo and Marin."

This proposition is of such importance and the possible effects so far-reaching that it is imperative for all members to come and vote.

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A labor day parade will be held in Oakland on labor day, Monday, September 2. It is expected to be the largest ever held in Alameda county. Carpenters will march in a body with all banners and flags at the head instead of as separate locals as heretofore.

Relief Jobs Urged For 10,000 Writers

Expenditure of $6,288,000 in putting to work 10,000 jobless newspaper men, fiction writers and essayists was recommended to President Roosevelt this week by the advisory committee on allotments of the works progress administration.

This is in addition to more than $20,000,000 with which to find jobs for actors, artists, architects, geologists and other "white collar" groups.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

U. S. Should Check Hitler, Green Says

Denouncing the "brutality and fiendish persecution" which characterizes the policy of the Hitler regime in Germany against German trade unions, Catholics and Jews, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared the time had come for the government of the United States to intervene with a demand for a cessation of the nazi tyranny.

"The destruction of German trade unions, the persecution of the Jews, and the 'blood purge' inaugurated by the Hitler government, " he said, "shocked the entire world. Now all of this horrible treatment accorded residents of Germany is being supplemented by further persecution and further drives against the Jews and Catholics residing in Germany.

"This all serves to vindicate the action of the American Federation of Labor in declaring a boycott against German goods and German service. Every man and woman who loves liberty, freedom and justice must protest against the brutal action of Hitler and the Hitler government against free democratic trade unions, the Jeweish people and German Catholics.

"In behalf of the American Federation of Labor, I repeat its official protest against the most recent action of the Hitler government.

"Surely the governing nations which make up the civilized world cannot longer remain indifferent to the action of a tyrant such as Hitler, to his excelling in brutality and fiendish persecution the rulers of a bygone pagan age.

"The time has arrived when Germany ought to be boycotted, not only by labor and its friends but by all the people of the United States.

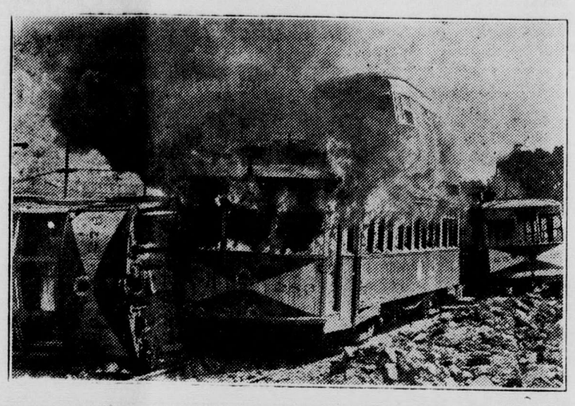
"Furthermore, in the light of historical events it would appear that the hour has arrived when our own government ought to take appropriate action which the exigencies of the situation demand, providing for a cessation of the brutal, inhuman treatment being perpetrated upon the laboring people, who wish to preserve their democratic trade unions in Germany, and upon Jewish people and the Catholics.

"There is involved in all of this program of persecution the question of freedom of press and of assemblage, the protection of the rights of the minority races and the right to worship in accordance with the dictates of conscience.

"Labor in the United States will join with others in taking appropriate action which will enable it to voice its indignation and its protest against the tyranical and inhuman policies pursued by Hitler and the Hitler government of Germany."

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A MILLION DOLLARS GOES UP IN SMOKE



MILLION DOLLAR BONFIRE—Seventy-six old street cars, three service cars and seven motor coaches, representing an original investment of $1,262,000 were burned this week by East Bay Street Railways, Ltd., in a huge bonfire. The equipment was relegated to the junk pile and declared unfit by Alfred J. Lundberg, president, in the company's extensive modernization program.

Anti-Union Furniture Manufacturers Pay Employes 20 to 23 Cents an Hour

The necessity of thoroughgoing organization of the workers in bona fide trade unions for the protection of their living standards is brought into the spotlight by the struggle of the furniture workers' union in Los Angeles, Calif., to persuade 11 low-wage manufacturers to recognize the union and pay union wages. The union, which is chartered by the united brotherhood of carpenters, has a membership of over 1,000.

The majority of the furniture workers in Los Angeles enjoy the benefits of an agreement with employers for minimum wages running from 40 cents to 50 cents per hour depending on the grade of skill. Although these rates are relatively low, 11 manufacturers refused to deal with the union or pay these wages. One of the manufacturers paid wages as low as 20 cents an hour. The rest of them paid 34 cents an hour. Prior to the NRA one plant paid $1 for a nine-hour day.

Determined to lift the wages of the workers to a point which would provide a decent living standard the union recently declared a strike covering the 11 plants.

George Walker, secretary of the furniture workers' union, in commenting on the strike and its object, said:

"Our union is making a fight for better conditions which is showing the few Los Angeles manufacturers who do not believe in giving their employes a square deal that we mean business and will not back down. We are prepared for a long fight and are out to win.

"The wage level of the furniture workers must be raised to meet the increased cost of living. The union is dedicated to a program to create a better living among the furniture workers, believing that in a highly skilled industry, such as this, the workers have been underpaid."

Decision Favoring Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Important

The recent decision of the first division of the National Railroad Adjustment board requiring the Louisiana and Arkansas Railway company to obey the terms of a written labor contract with the brotherhood of locomotive engineers is of great importance. It strengthens the position of collective bargaining agreements not only in the railroad service but in industry generally.

A contract of the locomotive engineers with the Louisiana and Arkansas required the employment of brotherhood members in operating engines for all kinds of work on the road.

In 1934 the railroad let a contract to the Gifford-Hill construction company for field and construction work in connection with relocating some of its tracks near New Orleans. In carrying out its contract the Gifford-Hill company hauled dirt from one to four miles over the main line of the railroad, employing engineers who were not members of the brotherhood and paying less than brotherhood rates. In addition the construction company engineers were required to repair their engines and wash the boilers.

Officials of the brotherhood claimed their contract required that all engine service on the Louisiana and Arkansas road should be done by its members and that a contractor using his own engines on the railroad's tracks must operate them with Louisiana and Arkansas engineers.

Harvey Couch, president of the railroad, refused to grant this claim. He contended the agreement with the Brotherhood had nothing to do with hiring engineers by the Gifford-Hill company and did not require that Louisiana and Arkansas engineers be employed on the contractors' work.

The adjustment board, after a complete investigation, sustained the position of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers. The board ruled that brotherhood members were deprived of work properly belonging to them under the contract and found that the Louisiana and Arkansas railroad had violated the contract.

The award of the board ordered the railroad company to pay its engineers the amounts they would have earned had they manned the engines used by the Gifford-Hill company.

The decision in this case will be valuable as a precedent in organized labor's disagreements with employers who manifest a disposition to ignore the plain meeting of collective bargaining agreements.

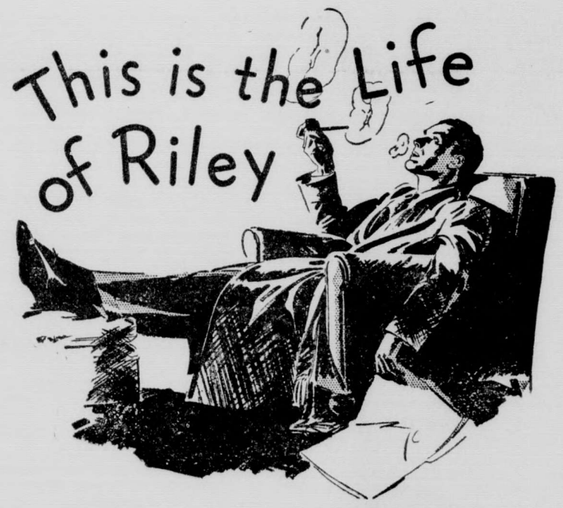
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State Butchers to Meet Next Sunday

The state executive board of the Western Federation of Butchers will meet in the Labor Temple in San Francisco next Sunday morning.

All thirteen vice presidents of the federation which covers nearly every section of California have been notified by State President M. S. Maxwell of the meeting and requested to be present.

Lincoln Theater On the Down-Grade Since Adopting a Non-Union Policy

Remaining open, with only a few patrons attending the performances, the Lincoln theater on Seventh street is facing the sheriff's lock and will eventually be closed by him unless the theater manager can find some way of bringing back his old patrons to the theater again.

It is said that practically all of the former patrons are attending other show houses because of the non-union policy adopted by the Lincoln manager. For several weeks past this theater has operated non-union, despite the fact that some performances have only brought 30 persons to the theater, yet the manager believes that it is more profitable to operate with non-union and inexperienced help.

Before going non-union, the Lincoln was a profitable little theater, but like all other non-union theaters in Oakland, it will eventually close for the want of patronage, for Oakland people will not attend a theater that does not pay a living wage to its employes. Union operators are employed in 98 per cent of the theaters in Alameda county; the only theaters that operate non-union are the Lincoln, Moulin Rouge and Royal.

When attending a moving picure show see to it that the above three theaters are given a wide berth because of their non-union activities. Patronize only show houses that believe in the American standards of living. Spend your union earned money with friends of union labor.

Want Pound of Flesh

Uncle Sam must not clean out Baltimore's slums because such action might "stop the present upward trend of rental prices."

This declaration was forwarded to Washington this week by three groups of real estate dealers, property-holders and mortgage "sharks."

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Labor Relations Act Is High Point In Workers' Rights, Green Declares

American Federation of Labor Head Says It Culminates 40 Years' Effort to Have Labor's Just Demands Written Into Law.

The rights of working men and women in the United States reached a new high point when congress enacted and President Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act, declaring William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial in the August American Federationist urging 100 per cent observance of the law as necessary to protect the efforts of workers to improve their economic condition.

The editorial criticizes the decision of the supreme court holding the National Industrial Recovery Act unconstituitonal and insists that congress must have power to pass social progress legislation.

Forty Years' Struggle

"The Wagner-Connery National Labor Relations Act marks a new level in establishment of wage earners' rights," Mr. Green says. "The American Federation of Labor began about four decades ago to secure legal sanction for rights which had been fully recognized by society but without accepting any responsibility for assuring those rights to wage earners. Society fully accepted the principle that any wage earner had a right to belong to a union of his trade or industry and that he could best promote his economy welfare through collective bargaining by union representatives.

"The first step in securing legal recognition of our rights was the labor provisions of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, declaring that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce and restricting the use of injunctions in industrial disputes.

"The second gain was the Norris-LaGuardia Act outlawing yellow dog contracts through which workers were forced to give up the right to union membership as a condition of employment.

"The third was Section 1-A of the National Recovery act assuring workers the right to organize and bargain collectively with their employers through representatives of their own choosing.

"The fourth was the Railway Labor Act together with the Emergency Railway Transportation Act which definitely assured to railway workers the right to organize.

Wagner Act Prohibits

"The fifth, joint resolution 44, established a board to deal with violations of this section and to authorize elections for the selection of collective bargaining representatives.

"The sixth, the Wagner law, declares it as unfair labor practices for employers to do the following:

"(1) To interfere with the right to union membership and collective bargaining.

"(2) To dominate or interfere with any union organization.

"(3) To discriminate against union members.

"(4) To discharge or discriminate against a member who files charges under the law.

"A national labor relations board is created to administer this act.

Labor and Regulation of Commerce

"This law covers all employes engaged in work whose interruption might impair the instrumentalities of commerce, interrupt the flow of commerce, or interfere with the flow of raw materials and processed or manufactured goods, or causing decrease in employment which might impair output of goods in commerce.

"Wagner earners of this country are vitally concerned with establishing the power of congress to regulate interstate commerce including all work which directly or indirectly affects interstate commerce because only congress has control co-extensive with the basis of organization of industry. Any agency making regulations and standards for industry affecting interstate commerce must operate over the entire field spanned by those industries."

Economic Life Revolutionized

Explaining that during the last hundred years our system of production has been revolutionized, with the corporation form now dominant, Mr. Green says that state action for the control of commerce, practical in the early days of the Republic, is wholly inadequate to meet existing conditions in which "industries ship their raw materials from all parts of the country and market them through national channels," adding:

"Practice and precedent have steadily added to the prestige and power of our federal government. In developing its regulation of interstate commerce, the meaning of the term was steadily widened to include whatever affected it directly, including intra-state commerce.

Supreme Court Blocks Progress

"It was expected that similar application of the power of congress to industries utilizing interstate commerce as a normal contributing agency to production, would make it possible for congress to legislate for the welfare of our working citizens.

"The decision of the supreme court in the Schecter case has at least temporarily blighted this hope.

"Labor believes that the decision of the court shattering our federal government into 48 separate local governments with no way of achieving national regulation is the greatest obstacle to orderly progress that has befallen our nation since the Dred Scott decision.

Better Wealth Distribution Imperative

"Industries are organized for purposes of profit and will not voluntarily conform to standards furthering social welfare. Past years of experience with mass production have demonstrated that unless there is better distribution of wealth with higher regard for social welfare, we cannot help to have the consuming power necessary to sustain the efficiency of modern production.

"In recent years we have experienced the worst aspects of unrestricted private control of industries. Obviously progress toward social welfare along that line will be limited materially.

"The only way we can assure social progress is to fix basic minimum standards lower than which will be tolerated, and to set up agencies to prescribe such additional safeguards as may be necessary from time to time.

"Congress must have power to act if we are to protect our interests by planning."

Territorial Regulation of Industry

Pointing out that the workers regarded the recovery act establishing as rights the minimum wage, as rights the minimum wage, maximum hours and trade union membership as the first real effort by the federal government to give them constructive help, Mr. Green continued:

"The technicalities upon which the supreme court declared the National Recovery Act unconstitutional did not seem to wage earners adequate grounds for depriving them of the agency intended to compel industries to serve social purposes.

"Wage earners know that if they get anywhere with organization, they must cover the whole extent of the industry; they further know that effective regulation of industry must coextensive with the industry terrioirially. They know the local manager has to get authorization from the national office of the industry to meet with union representatives and to enter into agreements.

"They know full well that manufacturing is not a local matter in the basic industries.

Labor Resents Injustice

"The Wagner-Connery act to protect wage earners in their right to union membership and collective bargaining and designating infringement on those rights as unfair labor practice, returns to wage earners some of the ground lost by the decision of the supreme court in the Schecter case, but it would be well for public officials to realize that there is a new spirit in the ranks of wage earners that is resentful of injustice even when justified by legal technicalities.

"Organized employers have already served notice they do not intend to comply with the Wagner act and that they intend to do everything in their power to have this law declared unconstitutional.

"They know full well that in the battle of litigation they have the heavy advantage of unlimited funds to employ the shrewdest and most able lawyers as well as the tide over the period of waiting.

"Either our government must take leadership in devising agencies and policies for doing what is necessary for our nation to plan so that the whole nation may benefit by our material civilization which is the product of collective as well as individual work or there can be no national economic planning and finally no national authority.

"There is no real justification or permanent economic advantage from continuing to sacrifice the welfare of that group of our citizens called labor to speed in material progress and the building up of large private fortunes which inevitably obstruct social welfare."

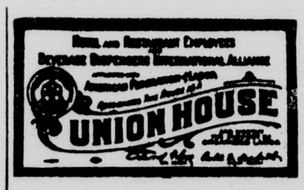
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Pressing Problems of Our Production System

What are our available physical and human resources? Are there sufficient natural resources to permit a high standard of living for all?

The modern economic system requires vast amounts of "natural resources," for example:

1. Fuels (coal, oil, water power);
2. Fertile soils located in a productive and stimulating climate;
3. Timber, stone, cement, metals, and other construction materials;
4. Fibres (cotton, flax, hemp, what-not);
5. Fertilizers—natural and artificial.

From reports and summary statements of the type given below note the supply of the natural resources available now.

1. On the basis of the estimates, if the natural resources were put at the disposal of all the people, how high a standard of living could be produced? For how long? Compare the various estimates.
2. To what extent is the present supply being reduced by inefficiency in using them?
3. Who determines the quantity of resources made available for consumption? Upon what basis, ownership, possible profits, needs of the people?
4. Where it appears that the resources are limited, is anything being done to provide substitutes for them? Should this be done by government or by private industry?

Is there sufficient trained personnel to operate the production plant?

To operate the modern system there must be skilled technicians and skilled workers available. There are enough of these—executives, research students, designers and planners, managers, superintendents and bosses, skilled and unskilled workers?

Is there sufficient machine technology to produce the necessary goods?

Survey briefly estimates of available farms, mines, factories, warehouses, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, radios, business and financial offices, wholesale and retail stores, and the like. Is there any doubt about the capacity of the existing production-distribution plant to produce the necessary goods?

What to Read:

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Henderson: Economic Consequences of Power Production. Pp. 9-50; 59-89; 114-123.

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Fairchild: Profits or Prosperity. Pp. 42-67.

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